

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4, 11, 32 and 37 as follows.

1 -3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selection unit is to be printed;

an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

a control unit configured to (i) if said reception unit has received a reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, until the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, ~~display information~~ a message indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be

disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be printed ~~until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed~~ and keep the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer, and (ii) if said reception unit receives the print completion message during the communication when the digital camera is connected to the printer, enable the selection of another image to be printed by said selection unit.

5 -10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image input apparatus which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the image input apparatus and the printer is established;

a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selection unit is to be printed;

an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

a control unit configured to, (i) if said reception unit has received a reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, until the communication connection between the image input apparatus and the printer is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, display information a message indicating that the communication between the image input apparatus and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be printed ~~until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed~~ and keep the communication connection between the image input apparatus and the printer, and (ii) if said reception unit receives the print completion message while the image input apparatus communication is connected and communicates with the printer, enable the selection of another image to be printed by said selection unit.

12 -27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein said control unit displays information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

29. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected by a cable, and said control unit displays information indicating that the cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

30. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface, and said control unit displays information indicating that the camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising the steps of:

selecting with the digital camera an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

transmitting to the printer a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selecting step is to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

controlling the digital camera so that, (i) if a reception end message is received in said receiving step indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, until the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer is disconnected by the user's operation or said receiving step receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, information a message is displayed indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be printed ~~until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or a print completion message is received indicating that the print process of the image has been completed~~ and keep the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer, and (ii) if said receiving step receives the print completion message while the digital camera communication is connected and communicates with the printer, selection of another image to be printed is enabled.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to the camera receiving the reception end message from the printer.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display information indicating that a cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected by the cable.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display information indicating that the digital camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image input apparatus which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising:

selecting with the image input apparatus an image to be printed from among images stored in the memory, after communication between the image input apparatus and the printer is established;

transmitting, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selecting step is to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

controlling the image input apparatus so that, (i) if a reception end message has been received in said receiving step indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, until the communication connection between the image input apparatus and the printer is disconnected by the user's operation or said receiving step receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, information a message is displayed indicating that the communication between the image inputting apparatus and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be printed ~~until the communication is disconnected by the user's operation or a print completion message is received indicating that the print process of the image has been completed~~ and keep the communication connection between the image input apparatus and the printer, and (ii) if the print completion message is received while the image input apparatus communication is connected and communicates with the printer, selection of another image to be printed is enabled.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed is completed.

40. (Previously Presented) The image input apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed is completed.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of controlling a digital camera according to Claim 32, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed is completed.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of controlling an image input apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed are completed.